We claim:

- 1. An additive mixture comprising,
  - i) as component A, at least one polysiloxane antifoam and
  - ii) as component B, at least one partially or completely neutralized fatty acid, a long-chain carboxylic acid, an ester of such a carboxylic acid or a mixture comprising at least one of these compounds.
- 2. An additive mixture as claimed in claim 1, which comprises, as component A, at least one polysiloxane of the general formula I

20  $\begin{bmatrix} R \\ R \longrightarrow SiO_{1/2} \\ R \end{bmatrix}_{W} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ SiO_{2/2} \\ R \end{bmatrix}_{X} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ SiO_{3/2} \end{bmatrix}_{Y} \begin{bmatrix} SiO_{4/2} \\ SiO_{4/2} \end{bmatrix}_{Z}$ 

where

the R radicals are each independently an  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  radical where

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- R<sup>1</sup> is an aromatic or saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical,
- R<sup>2</sup> is an organic polyol,
- R<sup>3</sup> is a polyether radical,
- R4 is a phenol radical,

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 $R^5$  is an  $R^2$  radical, except that some or all of the hydroxyl groups have been converted to diesters, diethers, acetals and/or ketals,

w = 2 + y + 2 z,

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y and z are each independently a number from 0 to 2 where the sum of y and z corresponds to a number from 0 to 2 and w + x + y + z =from 20 to 60.

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 An additive mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein, in component A,

 $R^1$  is  $C_1-C_{24}$ -alkyl,  $C_3-C_{24}$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_4-C_{24}$ -alkylcycloalkyl,  $C_6-C_{10}$ -aryl or  $C_7-C_{18}$ -arylalkyl,

 ${\tt R}^2$  is a saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical which is substituted by at least two hydroxyl groups and is optionally interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms,

R<sup>3</sup> is a polyether radical which contains at least 50% by weight of copolymerized ethylene oxide units and has a molecular weight of up to 1500,

the quotient of the number of  $R^1$  groups to the number of  $R^2$  groups  $(R^1/R^2)$  is from 3 to 19 and

the quotient of the sum of the number of  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  groups to the number of  $R^2$  groups  $[(R^3+R^4+R^5)/R^2]$  is from 0 to 2.

- 4. An additive mixture as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein component B comprises at least one fatty acid neutralized by at least one amine.
- 25 5. An additive mixture as claimed in claim 4, wherein component B comprises at least one fatty acid salt of the formula II

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$$H-(OA)_{x2}$$
 $\oplus$ 
NH
 $Z-\bigoplus$ 
NH
 $(AO)_{x3}-H$ 
 $[R-COO^{\odot}]_{m+1}$ 
 $(AO)_{x4}-H$ 
 $(AO)_{x4}-H$ 
 $(AO)_{x4}-H$ 

where

R is  $C_7-C_{23}$ -alkyl or mono- or polyunsaturated  $C_7-C_{23}$ -alkenyl, each of which are optionally substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups;

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- 40 A is  $C_2-C_8$ -alkylene;
  - Z is  $C_1-C_8$ -alkylene,  $C_3-C_8$ -cycloalkylene,  $C_6-C_{12}$ -arylene or  $C_7-C_{20}$ -arylalkylene;
- m is a number from 0 to 5; and





 $x^1$ ,  $x^2$ ,  $x^3$  and  $x^4$  are each independently a number from 0 to 24,

and optionally at least one further fatty acid RCOOH where R is as defined above.

- 6. An additive mixture as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein component B comprises at least one saturated or unsaturated mono- or polycarboxylic acid having from 4 to 50 carbon atoms or at least one ester of such a carboxylic acid with a mono- or polyhydric alcohol having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and from 1 to 8 hydroxyl groups.
- 7. An additive mixture as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein component A and component B are present in a weight ratio of from 1:200 to 1:10.
  - 8. The use of an additive mixture as defined in any of the preceding claims for additizing fuel compositions.

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- 9. The use as claimed in claim 8 for improving the antifoam performance of a fuel composition.
- 10. A fuel composition comprising a majority of a hydrocarbon fuel and an effective amount of an additive mixture as defined in any of claims 1 to 7, and optionally at least one further additive.
- 11. A fuel composition as claimed in claim 10 or the use as claimed in claim 8 or 9, wherein the fuel is diesel fuel, heating oil or kerosene.
- 12. A fuel composition or the use as claimed in claim 11, wherein the diesel fuel is one obtainable by refining, coal35 gasification or gas liquefaction, or a mixture thereof with renewable fuels.
- 13. An additive concentrate comprising an additive mixture as defined in any of claims 1 to 7 and at least one diluent and also optionally at least one further additive.

Abstract

The present invention relates to an additive mixture comprising 5 at least one polysiloxane antifoam and at least one partially or completely neutralized fatty acid, and also to a fuel composition and an additive concentrate, each of which comprise this composition.